

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated.

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for demarking a control object, the apparatus comprising:
a compound applied to a control object to form a designator upon the control object, the compound configured to react to visible and non-visible light by radiating visible light and wherein the designator distinctly identifies the control object; and
a non-visible light source configured to directly radiate the compound so that the compound radiates visible light in the form of the designator and the visible light is of low intensity so as not to distract a user and nearby people.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the non-visible light source is an ultraviolet light source.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the ultraviolet light source is an ultraviolet light emitting diode.
4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the compound comprises an ultraviolet light reactive compound.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Currently amended) An I/O device for use in a low-light environment, the I/O device comprising:
a control object;
an ultraviolet light reactive compound applied to the control object to form a designator upon the control object, ~~the compound reactive to non-visible light~~, wherein the compound reacts to visible and ultraviolet~~non-visible~~ light by radiating visible light and the designator distinctly identifies the control object; and
an ~~ultraviolet~~non-visible light source configured to directly radiate the compound so that the compound radiates visible light in the form of the designator, wherein the visible light is of low intensity so as not to distract a user and nearby people.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently amended) The I/O device of claim 1[[1]]0, wherein the ultraviolet light source is an ultraviolet light emitting diode.
13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) ~~An I/O device~~notebook computer, the ~~I/O device~~notebook computer comprising:
a ~~plurality of keys~~control object;
a compound applied to each key to form a designator~~the control object~~, the compound reactive to visible and non-visible light, wherein the compound reacts to visible and non-visible light by radiating visible light and the designator distinctly identifies the key; and
a display configured to radiate visible light and non-visible light, wherein the non-visible light reacts with the compound, demarking the ~~key~~control object by radiating visible light of low intensity so as not to distract a user and nearby people.
15. (Currently amended) A system for demarking a control object, the system comprising:
an I/O device configured with a control object;
a compound applied to the control object to form a designator upon the control object, the compound configured to react to visible and non-visible light by radiating visible light and wherein the designator distinctly identifies the control object; and
a non-visible light source configured to directly radiate the compound so that the compound radiates visible light in the form of the designator, wherein the visible light is of low intensity so as not to distract a user and nearby people.
16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the non-visible light source is an ultraviolet light source.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the ultraviolet light source is an ultraviolet light emitting diode.
18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the compound comprises an ultraviolet light reactive compound.
19. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the non-visible light source is integrated within the I/O device.
20. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the non-visible light source is disposed upon a positioning stalk in physical communication with the I/O device.
21. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the non-visible light source is separated from the I/O device.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) A process for demarking a control object in a low-light environment, the process comprising:
- applying a compound reactive to visible and non-visible light to a control object to form a designator upon the control object, wherein the compound reacts to the non-visible light by radiating visible light and the designator distinctly identifies the control object; and
- ~~activating the compound by~~ directly radiating the compound with a non-visible light source so that the compound radiates visible light in the form of the designator and the visible light is of low intensity so as not to distract a user and nearby people.
25. (Canceled)
26. (Original) The process of claim 24, wherein the non-visible light source is an ultraviolet light source.
27. (Original) The process of claim 26, wherein the compound is an ultraviolet light reactive compound.
28. (Original) The process of claim 26, wherein the ultraviolet light source is an ultraviolet light emitting diode.
29. (Currently amended) An apparatus for illuminating a control object, the apparatus comprising:

means for applying a compound reactive to visible and non-visible light to a control object to form a designator upon the control object, wherein the compound reacts to the visible and non-visible light by radiating visible light and the designator distinctly identifies the control object; and

means for ~~activating the compound by~~ directly radiating the compound with a non-visible light source so that the compound radiates visible light in the form of the designator, wherein the visible light is of low intensity so as not to distract a user and nearby people.

30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the non-visible light source is an ultraviolet light source and the compound is an ultraviolet light reactive compound.
31. (New) The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the non-visible light source is disposed upon a positioning stalk.
32. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the non-visible light source is disposed upon a positioning stalk.
33. (New) The I/O device of claim 10, wherein the I/O device further comprises a display and the non-visible light source is disposed on the display.
34. (New) The I/O device of claim 10, wherein the non-visible light source is disposed upon a positioning stalk.

35. (New) The process of claim 24, wherein the non-visible light source is disposed upon a positioning stalk.